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c. 1924

OLD HAVRE DE GRACE BANKING AND TRUST CO. BUILDING

Havre de Grace, Md.

This building, the second location of the Havre de Grace Banking and Trust Company was built in 1924 in a style influenced by Renaissance Classicism. It is a two story polygonal building with a limestone ashlar facade with copper trim on the windows and doors. The rear of the building is brick.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Old Havre de Grace Banking and Trust Co.

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

331 St. John Street

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

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Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

214 W. Bel Air Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21001

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air, Md.

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

HA-1171

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

331 St. John Street is a two story polygonal stone and brick commercial, building having five bays across the street front and facing west on the corner of St. John and Franklin Sts. The grade level descends at the back of the building where a full basement story is visible. The building which was erected in 1924 in a style influenced by Renaissance Classicism, has a rectangular shape with a hexagonal northern wall. The front and north elevation are constructed of smooth faced blocks of limestone ashlar surmounting a marble foundation. Although the building is no longer used as a bank, most of the original exterior features remain. The rear of the structure, which faces the Susquehanna River, is brick, laid in common bond.

Four sets of two-story windows are on the facade. Three of them are on the south side of the off-center main entrance and one is on its north side. The first and second stories have multi-light casement windows. The first story openings being larger than those on the second story. The center of the three bays is framed by limestone ashlar piers and horizontal copper panels with raised designs of circles and suns are between the first and second floor windows. Above the main and south bay entrance are rectangular casement windows. Windows on the rear are also casement type.

The main entrance is off-center in the north west corner of the facade. The entrance has a large stone enframingent with a heavy entablature (the name of the bank still visible on the frieze) and a transom which has a copper panel in it that is similar to those between the windows. The doors themselves are paneled. Another plainer entrance is in the south bay front elevation.

The building has a flat roof with a flat cornice having a pulvinated frieze the whole entablature being of the same material as the rest of the facade.

Interior: The interior has been severely altered for shop space.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1924

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Havre de Grace Banking and Trust Company was chartered in 1910, first opening in the Masonic Temple Building (HA-1180). The building on the corner of St. John and Franklin Sts. was built in 1924. The style chosen for the building was Renaissance Revival, consistent with the other bank buildings in the City. This building may have been designed by the same architect, William Plack, who was responsible for the Methodist Church (HA- 1125) and the Citizens Bank facade, which is now veneered with light brick. Old photographs show the Citizen's Bank facade to have been similar to this one. The bank building is a two story stone and brick edifice which is polygonal in shape. It has a limestone ashlar facade on the street with copper fenestration ornamentation. A good example of adaptive re-use, the building is used as a shop on the first floor.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford County Directory-1953

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
_____	_____
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marion Morton-Historic Sites Surveyor

May 1977

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

TELEPHONE

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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THE HAVRE DE GRACE

BANKING & TRUST CO.



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OLD HAVRE DE GRACE
BANKING AND TRUST CO.
BLDG

331 ST John St

Havre de Grace

east elev.

Marion Morton

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HA-1181
Old Havre de Grace
Banking and Trust Co.
Bldg.

331 St John St.

Havre de Grace

northwest elev.

Marion Morton 6/77



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